

subject to usage approval. When the licensing terminal creates and sends to the user terminal a pass containing information on the function, the term and a number of times for which usage is to be approved based upon an agreement or selection by the user terminal, the user terminal then sends to the software for which usage approval is to be given, a run-approval or run-disapproval command data. The user terminal then becomes able to use the software according to the content of the usage approval in the pass created by the license terminal. --

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is requested to change the abstract to constitute it within 150 words. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), the amended paragraphs are set forth in a marked-up version below:

" There is provided a licensing system comprising an application information database into which a license management server machine stores a license menu containing a function, a term and a number of times and the like for which usage may be approved with respect to software to be usage-approved. A user terminal is capable of accessing the application information database via an Internet network. Further, when the license management server machine creates a pass containing the function, the term and the number of times of use and the like based on agreement/selection made at the user terminal and sends this pass to the user terminal, the user terminal sends out, to the software that is the subject of the usage-approval, a run-approval or run-disapproval command data in accordance with information on the function, the term and the number of times of use and the like included in the received pass and becomes able to use the software in a manner in conformity with the content of the usage-approval in the pass. Therefore, according to the licensing system of the present invention, a software license granting technique is provided in which a range of software licensing choices is expanded so that various user needs can be met even with the same single software, and unlawful copying of the software that is approved for use by the user can be eliminated."